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Nobuaki TOMORI et al.

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For: DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND DATA
MANAGEMENT METHOD

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 24, 2004 (Paper No. 6), for which a response was due on June 24, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 24, 2004. July 24, 2004 fell on a Saturday this year. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS

In the title

Please amend the title as follows:

NONVOLATILE DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ~~AND~~ USING DATA
~~MANAGEMENT METHOD~~ SEGMENTS AND LINK INFORMATION